ZEB WHITE HAD A HEAP OF FUN WITH THE VARMINT.

The Possum Hunter's Story of the Tricks He Played on Poor Bruin and the Way the Unforgiving Beast Beat Him Out of the Hide.

[Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.] "One September day," said the old possum hunter of Tennessee as I asked day as best she him for a story, "I was sittin on these | may. yere steps smokin my pipe when a b'ar suddenly appeared out thar by the co'ner of the pigpen. I didn't git flustrated. I seen the b'ar was pore in flesh, are perfectly cured and I knowed his fur wasn't prime. It ain't no use to kill a b'ar jest fur the sake of killin. Besides, thar was somethin sort of cute lookin in his face. As we looked at each other he cocked his ears and seemed to say:

"'Hello, Zeb White! I've called flammation and around to see yo'. I won't be wuth Killin fur two months yit, and meanwhile, if yo' don't mind, we'll hev some fun.'

"I took it that he said that, and the old woman took it that way, too, and so I didn't skeer him off. He sauntered around fur a spell and then disappeared, but I knowed what he was up to. I had two hives of bees, and he



"WE LOOKED AT EACH OTHER."

had marked 'em down and would be back some night arter honey. It wasn't an hour befo' I moved them hives out of his reach and replaced 'em with two hives filled with straw. I shet the old dog up in the house that night, and 'long 'bout midnight he begun to whine and growl. I jest got to the winder when the b'ar showed up. He was arter that honey, and he hadn't no time to waste. One hive wasn't 'nuff fur him, and he knocked both over as soon as he got within reach and then made ready fur a feast. When he found them hives hard packed with straw, he knowed it was a joke, and be sot up and looked so sheepish and mean over it that I laughed fur half an hour. That b'ar went away feelin hurt in his feelin's, but I was suah he'd come back ag'in some other night and try to pay me of

"I had jest penned up a likely pig. and that b'ar was bound to hev pig meat if he couldn's hev honey. He was suah to be book the next night. and so I spent two hours greasin the roof of the pen with soft soap. When I was through, it was so slippery that even claws wouldn't take hold. On the second night, 'bout 11 o'clock, the b'ar showed up agin. He had bin thinkin of fresh pork all the afternoon and had got hungry over it, and arter rebel. When I think of the good times the revolution. one look around he climbed upon the roof of the pen. It had a steep pitch to it, and it dropped of into a gully, and that b'ar had skassly got up before he was slidin down like a log of wood. He shot off the roof into the gully like a big ball, and me and the old woman laughed till the tears came. Three times the b'ar tried it, and three times he was dumped. I yelled at him and called him names, and his feelin's was things that he wouldn't even fight the

"I knowed the varmint wouldn't gin up that way, but would keep comin back till be got sunthin. It struck me that he'd go fur the chickens next, and so I had a trap all feady fur him. He was too cute to steb into it, and arter roamin around fur awhile he went off. I laughed at him and called him a mighty pore b'ar, and he appeared so stealing to run off with the treasury, lonesome over it that I almost pitied him. He didn't come back the next night or the next, but on the third shipshape decree that my salary should night he showed up ag'in, and I had always be equal to the entire amount another joke ready fur him. I had in the treasury. However, I had promand then wrapped the bar'l around lution for him no matter what it might with barbed wire. II used up 200 feet of wire around that bar'l, and the barbs stuck out like quills of a porcupine. As soon as the b'ar appeared the old dawg begun to bark and raise a fuss. I don't reckon that varmint had ever heard of a dawg in a bar'l befo'. and I'm suah he haiin't never met with no barbed wire. He jest walked around to make sartin of things and then jumped in.

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b'ars and dawgs and rolls der in a mer y'ar. Bruin started in to bust that bar'l by huggin, but he soon gin it up. Then he rolled it 'bout, but every time he struck it he got a prick. Sometimes be'd chase it, and sometimes he'd run away from it, and he did hate to gin of the palace. up beat. It wasn't no use in him fightin that bar'l, though, and he finally let it go and sorter cried over it. He went off with his head down and a homesick me and asks:

when snow flies?

""'Bout \$10,' says I. "'Then yo' air \$10 out of pocket. you give me the counting of the votes I | was to leave the palace soon after dusk can have you defeated by an over- on the night of the revolution, accomwhelming majority no matter if there panied by a single trusty servant to isn't a single vote cast against you.'

"'Thank you kindly,' said the presi- that he would be well on his way to dent, 'but there never has been an election in this republic, and I don't want to disturb people's minds by introducing any such useless and dangerous trouble was to provide for the proper ceremony.'

"Then why don't you resign? said I. 'You've got a vice president, haven't them myself, for it would have been a you? If you resign, he will come into | breach of diplomatic etiquette for a office, and naturally he will be glad to have you go.'

"'You don't know what you are saying,' replied the president. 'Nobody | head ached, and finally I went to Capever heard of a president who resigned. tain Intimidad and told him the diffi-If I were to do such a thing, I should be disgraced forever. People would telling me that he would send his parsay that I am either a coward or a lu- ticular friend, Lieutenant Partagas, to natic. No, Don Smith! I haven't an do the firing from the palace windows enterprising enemy in all Zarguela, and and assured me that Partagas was a I haven't one single friend that I can man who could be implicitly trusted. trust to rebel against me.

"'I have been simply longing for a revolution ever since the sum in the treasury reached \$100,000, but this in- their corpses must be left lying on the fernal nation is so well contented with front steps of the palace, where every my rule that nothing can induce it to one could see them the morning after all the exiled presidents in Paris are having at this identical minute, it makes me wild to have to stay here, even though I do have the pleasure of playing poker with the American min-

"Well, I felt downright sorry for Don Villar y Villar, for he was by long odds the best public man that I had met in him in less than a fortnight.

"It wasn't till after he had jumped at and his dearest friend that it occurred terview with Intimidad. He told me to me that what I had really undertaken to do was to help him steal all the money in the treasury.

"Of course if I had been president of assault. Zarguela I should have considered it especially as I could have collared the money honestly by issuing a regular headed the old daw up in a stout bar'l ised Don Villar y Villar to raise a revoldisposal. cost my conscience.

> "Now I was acquainted with Captain Intimidad, who commanded the president's guard of honor and was respon-Captain Intimidad was a romantic sort out. of young chap, who believed that the president was the greatest and best man that ever lived. I felt pretty sure that if I went to work in the right way I entered the palace gates, I was as-I could persuade Intimidad to head a tonished and horrified to discover about revolution, and, as the result proved, I a dozen corpses lying on the grass and was right.

"I called on Captain Intimidad the next morning, and after a little preliminary conversation about the weather and bullfighting and constitutional law and such things I came to the point. I told him that Queen Victoria had asked the president to come to England to consult with her on an affair of tremendous importance, but

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that it was absolutely necessary man no one should know anything about the matter except that Don Villar v Villar had left Zarguela for parts unknown.

"'Now,' continued I, 'according to your constitution the president cannot ieave the country for a single day un-



'Do you really mean to say that you want to be turned out?" less he is regularly and constitutionally

turned out by a revolution. In these circumstances the president wants you to rebel and drive him out of the country next Monday night. He expects you to hold on to the presidency for, say, six months, when he will return and head a revolution that will put him back in office again.'

"The young captain was at first knocked all in a heap by what I said to him, but little by little he got to understand that the president was really anxious for a revolution, and consequently Intimidad agreed to do whatever his beloved president might de-

"I spent the rest of the day thinking out a plan of action and in making the necessary preparations for war. I had 50 rifles brought secretly to the palace and planted them at the second story windows, as if they were so many cannon, though I took good care that they should not be visible from the outside

"Intimidad agreed to attack the front door of the palace with 30 men at precisely 1 o'clock in the morning. His men were to be provided with nothing shamble, and the old woman turns to but blank cartridges, and they were to fire away until the front door could be "'Zeb, what'll that b'arskin be wuth | broken down, after which they were to rush into the palace and find that the president had fled.

"I had arranged that the president carry the treasury, and I calculated the coast before the revolution could break out.

"The thing that gave me the most firing of the rifles in the second story windows of the palace. I couldn't fire foreign minister to take part openly in a revolution.

"I puzzled over this problem till my culty I was in. He solved it at once by

"There was one more thing to be settled. Intimidad insisted that two men must be killed in the attack and that

"He said that two men were always killed in a Central American revolution and that he doubted if a revolution in which nobody should be killed would be strictly constitutional. I saw that there was force in what he said, but I wasn't willing that any human lives should be sacrificed, and unfortunately there were no Chinamen in the country any part of Central America. So I just | who could be passed off as soldiers said to him on the spur of the moment | slain in a glorious revolution. At last | ter and lay there. hurt ag'in. He was so 'shamed 'bout | that if he would trust me I would un- I had to leave the matter in his hands, dertake to get up a revolution against the agreement being that none of his that street was full of hundreds of litsoldiers should be killed.

> "Monday evening I said goodby to and screeching. They didn't use their my offer and called me his preserver | Don Villar y Villar and had a final in- fists. They siapped, scratched, pulled that he had two corpses all ready and that he would put them on the steps of the palace before the beginning of the

"When I insisted upon knowing how he had obtained his corpses, he exclaimed that there were two men in Bengal tiger in the fifties. Tweed jail awaiting execution for murder and adopted the emblem for the Americus that the governor of the jail, being an club, and it soon was accepted by all intimate friend of his, had kindly shot | Tammany. the men and placed the corpses at his

"I sat up that night till 1 o'clock, and I could hear people all over the town slamming their shutters, as was Bro. sible for the safety of the palace. This their habit when a revolution broke

> "Early the next morning I put on my uniform and started for the palace to congratulate the new president. When on the steps, and I saw at once that Partagas must have made a terrible mistake.

"I was shown into the reception room, and presently a man wearing a general's uniform came in and expressed his thanks that I had been so prompt in calling to congratulate him. As a used ; abow the man i didn't an

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first understand what he meant, and 1 replied that I had called to see Presi-

dent Intimidad. "There is no such person, replied the general. 'I am President Partagas. and I trust that your government will make no difficulty in recognizing me as the only legitimate president of Zar. guela.'

"'But where is Intimidad?' I asked. 'I thought he was to be the new president.'

" Captain Intimidad, recently in command of the guard of honor, was killed last night in an attack upon the palace, in which I had just installed myself as president. I am at a loss to understand why you should have supposed that he was president or why you should have suspected that your friend, the late President Villar y Villar, had been overthrown. Let me suggest to your excellency that a foreign minister is not supposed to interest himself in the domestic concerns of the government to which he is accredited. and I am sure than Don Smith would never under any circumstances be guilty of such an imprudence.'

"I said good morning to the president, and I went back to my lodgings and wrote a dispatch to Washington asking to be recalled at once.

"You see, Partagas had come to the conclusion that he might as well have the presidency for himself. So he had fired on the attacking force so rapidly and skillfully that he had killed at least a third of the men, including Intimidad, and had driven the remainder

"And when he issued a proclamation setting forth how he had overthrown the tyrant Villar y Villar and had liberated the people from a crushing yoke of despotism he settled down to the work of filling the empty treasury and making ready for a trip to Paris when his term of office should come to an

"I saw ex-President Villar y Villar in Paris about three years 2go, and he told me that Paris wasn't what he had supposed it to be and that he had half a mind to go back to Central America and enjoy one more revolution before he died."

A Chinese Fable.

Here is a Chinese fable with a moral which might be expressed in English, "Don't monkey with the buzzsaw." horse. It is about a monkey and a sparrow and is as follows:

a tree, in the top of which dwelt a I went into the dining room and found monkey. After a heavy rain the sparrow, snug and dry in its warm nest, saw the monkey shaking his dripping body and could not refrain from addressing him thus: "Comrade, your hands are skillful, your strength great, your intellect clever. Why do you live in such a miserable state? Why not build a snug nest like mine?"

The monkey, angered at the complacency of the sparrow, replied: "Am I to be mocked by an evil creature like you? Your nest is snug, is it?" And so saying he threw the nest to the ground. Moral.—Don't talk with a passionate

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"And instantly-how, I don't knowtle Frenchmen, fighting and chattering

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a long time, for the disease develops slowly in some cases, but the poison is in the blood and will break out at the first favorable opportunity. S. S. S. cures this wasting, destructive disease by first purifying and building up the blood and stimulating and invigorating the whole system.

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Peculiarities of Caracas. "The morting after our arrival at the hotel in Caracas," says W. E. Curtis, "! cailed for alglass of milk while dressing. On every subsequent morning during our stay a glass of milk was brought to me at precisely the same hour without instructions, and al- Tax Collector of Leon county, Florida, though the servant was, told several times that & was not wanted she did not appear to understand and continued to bringlit just the same.

"In the hotel were electric bells. The But that is getting the cart before the | first day I lang for something, and a certain boy answered the summons. The next forning I rang again and A sparrow had its nest half way up again, and to one responded. Finally there half a dozen servants.

"'Didn't you hear my bell ring?" I asked.

"'Si, seno' (yes, sir). was the reply. "'Then way didn't you answer it?' "The box that answers your excellency's bell has gone to market with the manage

"'But you knew he was not here, and you should have come in his place.'

"'No, seror. It is his occupation to answer your bell. I answer the bell of the gentleman in the next room.' "And as long as I remained in that hotel my bell was answered only by the one particular boy. If he was net in, I could ring for an hour without receiving a response, although the house was full of idle servants."

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more a demagogue than a state He was, according to Short Storie the habit of boasting that his to was a cooper in an obscure to the state-that he was "one of people" and didn't belong to the gloved aristocracy." The "general's" great failing h his fondness for liquor, it will son no one to be told that the more bed the more loudly he declaimed political sentiments and the or of being the son of a cooper he by

A Failure In Coopering.

During a political campaign, when opponent was the southern orator Marshall, he had been unusually and offensive in his boasting regar his obscure origin. In replying shall said, looking hard at the gen "Fellow citizens, my oppo father may have been a very

cooper. I don't deny that; but I do gentlemen, that he put a might head into that whisky barrel"

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